

REMARKS

Re-examination and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for foreign priority, and for indicating that the certified copy of the priority document has been received. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for returning a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 11, 2004, confirming consideration of the documents cited therein.

The Examiner has not indicated whether the submitted drawings are acceptable. Absent a specific comment from the Examiner, Applicant believes that the drawings filed in the application are acceptable.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant's prior art admission, Figs. 1-5. Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection.

According to an embodiment of the claimed invention, an AV system for a vehicle has a tiltable monitor that is disposed at a front surface of a main body of the AV system. The AV system comprises a low-surface chassis disposed at a lower end of the main body, a slide chassis that is mounted on the low-surface chassis that moves a lower side of the monitor back and forth, a motor part that is mounted to the low-surface chassis, and a back-and-forth motion member that moves the motor part and the slide chassis back and forth in response to a rotational force of the motor part. Applicant submits that at least these combination of features are lacking from "Applicant's prior art submission, Figs. 1-5".

In the claimed invention, motor part 500 and back-and-forth motion member 600 are mounted to a low-surface chassis 200, as discussed, for example, at page 10, lines 12-14 of Applicant's specification. On the other hand, Applicants submit that "Applicant's prior art submission, Figs. 1-5" illustrate that motor part 50 is secured to support bar 21. Thus, Applicant submits that Figs. 1-5 fail to at least disclose a motor part that is mounted to a low-surface chassis, and a back-and-forth motion member that moves the motor part and the slide chassis back and forth in response to a rotational force of the motor part, as specified in Applicant's amended claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that "Applicant's prior art submission, Figs. 1-5" fail to disclose each and every feature of Applicant's invention, as specified by amended claim 1. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of the claims, and indicates the allowability of claims 1-15 in the next official communication.

In this regard, Applicant notes that claims 2-15 depend from claim 1, and are thus allowable for the same reason discussed above with respect to claim 1. It appears that the rejection set forth by the Examiner only dealt with independent claim 1, as none of dependent claims 2-15 were addressed by the Examiner. Applicant submits that the dependent claims are additionally allowable for the combination of features recited in the various dependent claims. For example, claims 9, 12 and 15 additionally specify a reinforcing bracket that is mounted to the slide chassis. This feature, which is discussed, for example, at page 7 of Applicant's specification, does not appear to have previously been considered by the Examiner when the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection was issued, as the

Examiner did not indicate where in “Applicant’s prior art submission, Figs. 1-5” this feature may be found.

Applicant further submits new claims 16-20 for the Examiner’s consideration. These claims are submitted to be allowable over the applied art for at least the same reasons applicable to claims 1-15; namely, that they specify a back-and-forth motion member that moves a motor part mounted to the low-surface chassis and a slide chassis back and forth, which is not taught by “Applicant’s prior art admission, Figs. 1-5”. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate the allowability of newly submitted claims 16-20.

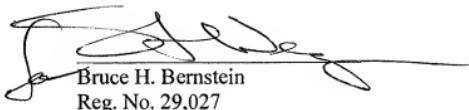
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of record, whether considered alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the present invention as now defined by the pending claims, and in further view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the Examiner’s action and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Should the Commissioner determine that an extension of time is required in order to render this response timely and/or complete, a formal request for an extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), is herewith made in an amount equal to the time period required to render this response timely and/or complete. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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